

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For : DNA ENCODING A HUMAN Ob RECEPTOR (Ob-Re) AND USES THEREOF



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Sir:

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 1, 1999 OFFICE ACTION AND**  
**PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the October 1, 1999 Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the October 1, 1999 Office Action was due November 1, 1999. Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time to respond to the October 1, 1999 Office Action. The fee for a one-month extension of time for a large entity is ONE HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS (\$110.00). A check which includes this amount is enclosed. Therefore, a response to the October 1, 1999 Office Action is now due December 1, 1999. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claim 71 as follows:

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54.00  
260.00  
110.00

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